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VALUATION OF ALTON.

Real estate, No. of acres, 35605.	Val.	\$395459
Personal estate, including polls,		127843
Total value,	—————	\$523292

	No.	Value.	Average value.
Polls,	372	\$10506	\$100.00
Horses,	291	17615	60.53
Oxen,	199	11627	58.43
Cows,	556	14654	26.36
Neat Stock,	613	13879	22.64
Sheep,	542	11812	3.34

Total amount of taxes raised, \$9582.93

State tax,	\$1212.00
County tax,	1377.90
School tax,	1560.50
Town tax,	2050.00
Percentage,	288.41
Highway tax,	2500.00
Percentage,	116.46
Schoolhouse tax,	366.66
Dog tax,	111.00

Whole amount of taxes,	\$9,582.93
Tax on poll-money, \$1.24.	Highway, \$0.50.

RECEIPTS INTO THE TREASURY.

Whole am't of taxes charged to Collector Sleeper, \$9582.93

Cash in treasury, March 1, '84	\$1291.69
“ of County of Belknap,	56.75
“ of State Treas., R. R. tax,	404.55
“ of State Treas., Sav's B'nk tax,	1354.93
“ of State Treas., Literary Fund,	142.80
“ of State Treas., Bounties,	123.30
“ of City of Dover,	51.00
“ of City of Dover,	33.50
“ of City of Dover,	16.43
“ of County of Belknap.	15.14
	<hr/> \$3490.59
Total amount,	<hr/> \$13073.02

EXPENDITURES.

Paid C. G. Drew, use of water trough year 1883,	\$3.00
D. H. Morrison, “ “ “ 1884,	3.00
C. G. Drew, “ “ “ “	3.00
S. D. Hill, “ “ “ “	3.00
S. Straw, “ “ “ “	3.00
C. H. Downing, “ “ “ “	3.00
J. N. Avery, “ “ “ “	3.00
F. B. Coffin, “ “ “ “	3.00
S. E. P. Gilman, two water troughs, 1883,	6.00
J. E. Fernald & Son, printing town reports,	40.00
E. B. Lane & Co., stationery,	9.17
P. H. Wheeler, return of births and deaths,	5.25
L. Woodman, printing check-list,	8.97
T. Berry, repair of town house,	1.50
County tax,	1377.90
State tax,	1212.00

Paid D. T. Brooks, water trough, two years,	6.00
S. E. P. Gilman, two water troughs, 1884,	6.00
J. A. Mooney, water trough, 1884,	3.00
R. M. Gray, return of births and deaths,	.75
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	\$2800.54

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid T. D. Varney, winter highway work in 1883,	5.25
A. G. Ellis, damage on highway,	15.00
J. P. Hussey, repairing ploughs,	4.35
C. V. Coffin, decoration money,	50.00
O. J. M. Gilman, books for scholars,	2.60
Lewis E. Avery, sheep damage by dogs, 1883,	35.00
Jane Morse, " " 1884,	12.00
Muzzey & Jones, school tax, Dis. No. 5,	280.00
D. H. Morrison, school house tax, No. 2,	90.00
G. W. Berry, " " No. 5,	29.04
Lewis E. Avery, sheep damage, 1884,	12.00
J. W. Howard, 1 calendar.	.50
A. L. Rollins, railroad fare for a negro,	.80
A. L. Rollins, for surveyors and dinners on preambulation of town lines,	7.00
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	\$543.54

PAUPER BILLS.

Paid Chas. Rollins, aid to D. E. Garland,	\$2.50
Place & Chamberlain, " "	15.00
P. H. Wheeler, medical to H. Stockbridge,	47.25
" " D. B. Clough,	11.25
" " W. C. Peavey,	13.50
Lizzie Roberts, aid to transient,	15.00
Geo. F. Savage, " "	4.50

Paid H. I. Nute & Co., aid to M. H. Nutter,	54.00
“ “ D. E. Garland,	12.91
P.H.Wheeler, med. aid to J. W. Wilkinson,	32.25
“ “ Cora Doway,	5.00
C. H. Downing & Co., “ D. E. Garland,	31.00
J. Jones & Son, “ M. H. Nutter,	24.00
C. V. Coffin, “ “	24.00
Mooney & Varney, “ D. E. Garland,	10.00
“ “ Jerusha Smith,	16.14
“ “ Byron Brown,	3.50
Luther B. Place, “ Nellie F. Marshall,	14.00
Charles Edgerly, “ D. E. Garland,	1.50
Paid A. L. Rollins, “ C. E. Young,	6.00
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	\$343.30

PAID FOR SCHOOLS.

Paid Dis. No. 1.....	\$132.70
2.....	114.02
3.....	156.00
4.....	216.56
5.....	424.28
6.....	115.29
7.....	55.27
8.....	2.99
9.....	80.00
11.....	92.93
12.....	172.17
13.....	63.50
14.....	75.21
15.....	40.44
16.....	42.31
17.....	67.47

Paid Dis. No. 18.....	94.50
19.....	35.64
20.....	64.61

\$2045.89

Due Schools, \$7.421.

BOUNTIES.

Paid on 1252 woodchucks,	\$125.20
Abatement of taxes year 1884,	\$79.09
Am't of Summer highway taxes worked,	\$2957.59
“ Winter “	\$1235.45
Expense of road hearing before County Com's,	694.65

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Paid Lafayette Woodman, Supervisor,	\$14.00
Paid Jonathan F. Chesley, Supervisor,	\$14.00
David H. Morrison, “	14.00
John W. Currier, Town Clerk,	53.50
Jonas Sleeper, Collector,	100.00
“ Collector S. H. tax, 1883,	10.00
Alonzo H. Sawyer, Treasurer,	40.00
Amos L. Rollins, Selectman,	91.00
“ recording inventory and keeping school books,	20.00
Amos L. Rollins, R. R. fare and expenses out of town,	10.25
Morrison Bennett, Selectman,	88.20
“ R. R. fare and team,	6.20
Joseph A. Mooney, Selectman,	92.50
Overseers of the Poor,	18.00
Auditors,	10.00
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	\$581.65

BREAKING ROADS.

G. W. Berry.....	\$1.50
S. E. P. Gilman.....	3.00
D. Hayes.....	2.28
J. Chamberlin.....	7.25
D. E. Clough.....	.50
G. F. Savage.....	.63
M. M. Hurd.....	.75
J. Twombly.....	.38
G. W. Place.....	13.75
B. L. Blaisdell.....	1.75
J. Avery.....	5.92
A. E. Avery.....	3.50
O. E. Davis.....	8.62
W. H. Hayes.....	2.62
E. G. Sleeper.....	14.75
G. Goodell.....	8.74
A. Bradley.....	.56
E. Brown.....	1.12
J. Crockett.....	.12
R. Jones.....	1.31
C. L. Pinkham.....	.50
M. Pinkham.....	.50
N. Stevens.....	6.67
I. B. Gilman.....	17.00
B. P. Marston.....	4.63
J. Nutter.....	2.81
J. Smith.....	1.00
F. B. Coffin.....	10.00
C. H. Clough.....	2.94
S. S. Gilman.....	2.34
H. O. Flanders.....	1.56
J. S. Morse heirs.....	4.37
S. Jones.....	3.87
S. E. P. Gilman.....	1.75

H. J. Glidden.....	1.87
O. J. M. Gilman.....	.50
D. Watson.....	16.50
J. Dearborn.....	11.44
C. H. Tebbetts.....	3.13
C. W. Ayers.....	2.13
L. A. Proctor.....	8.00
G. H. Seward.....	7.25
E. F. Goodwin.....	1.25
S. Straw.....	7.12
J. Drew.....	3.25
S. C. Walker.....	2.13
O. L. French.....	8.30
D. F. Gilman.....	1.00
E. Hayes.....	23.38
A. B. Flanders.....	22.00
E. D. Flanders.....	5.79
E. N. Hinkley.....	15.72
L. G. Page.....	21.12
L. Gilman.....	3.02
I. Myers.....	3.08
G. B. Ames.....	1.61
R. Lamprey heirs.....	.87
E. S. Bachelder.....	10.24
J. Sleeper.....	9.49
J. M. Lamprey.....	5.37
J. E. Smith.....	5.99
S. E. Rollins.....	6.98
C. Rollins.....	9.50
C. W. Rollins.....	2.33
C. H. Foss.....	5.38
D. Ricker.....	3.38
H. B. Ricker.....	.25
A. J. Gilman.....	31.00
C. A. Perkins.....	15.97
J. K. Jones.....	3.63
J. S. Morse heirs.....	1.50

S. E. P. Gilman.....	3.75
S. Durgin.....	2.25
S. O. Wallingford.....	2.12
J. L. Gerrish.....	1.00
A. B. Lang.....	1.25
E. & W. Hayes.....	15.16
H. Evans.....	2.31
S. D. Hurd.....	6.16
H. J. McDuffee.....	3.13
C. Rollins.....	5.62
J. C. Varney.....	2.25
G. E. Varney.....	1.75
B. F. Whitehouse.....	3.75
W. Chamberlin.....	13.43
E. Garland.....	4.50
J. B. Evans.....	1.50
H. O. Tuttle.....	5.25
J. K. & F. E. Granville.....	18.75
C. H. Hurd.....	10.00
R. B. Hurd.....	6.75
A. Roberts.....	3.06
J. Seavey.....	2.88
A. Ellis.....	3.25
A. Young.....	10.25
C. E. Young.....	2.25
J. C. Young.....	1.50
A. W. Young.....	.37
M. Young.....	2.37
S. Young.....	18.87
J. F. Evans.....	6.62
L. B. Place.....	15.27
C. P. Hayes.....	8.07
P. C. Place.....	2.82
M. R. Place.....	1.37
A. S. French.....	7.37
N. Evans.....	3.00
J. H. Johnson.....	3.56

J. A. Johnson.....	10.06
F. Adams.....	5.37
H. D. Woodman.....	2.12
C. E. Hodgdon.....	14.40
A. Varney.....	6.50
T. Varney.....	16.00
E. Varney.....	4.25
M. Bennett.....	4.75
E. A. Coffin.....	2.00
O. J. M. Gilman.....	3.75
M. D. Gooch.....	2.63
P. D. Gooch.....	1.32
H. F. Gooch.....	.50
A. H. Hayes.....	5.00
J. A. Mooney.....	2.63
J. P. Chamberlin.....	1.25
H. W. Perkins.....	.50
C. A. Twombly.....	5.00
E. G. Rollins.....	20.38
L. McDuffee.....	11.25
L. M. Rollins.....	4.37
S. Shagnon.....	4.00
S. T. Roberts.....	4.22
S. E. Roberts.....	9.40
J. F. Chesley.....	2.00
B. L. Frohock.....	12.75
J. W. M. Kimball.....	5.00
J. A. Cate.....	3.88
E. R. Cate.....	9.61
B. F. Lucas.....	5.74
J. Nason.....	22.00
C. B. Rines.....	4.62
L. F. Woodman.....	12.10
A. S. Davis.....	3.75
S. G. Flanders.....	4.65
J. Q. Adams.....	4.75
D. S. Chamberlin.....	9.80

B. F. Furber.....	10.00
A. Huckins.....	12.00
I. J. Chamberlin.....	3.25
M. J. Varney.....	3.52
L. E. Avery.....	6.63
T. T. Collins.....	6.00
H. A. Flanders.....	2.25
D. Flanders.....	1.00
S. S. Gilman.....	8.50
H. Glidden.....	2.25
C. S. Glidden.....	7.75
A. L. Glidden.....	4.12
O. D. Glidden.....	10.38
C. W. Dore.....	8.75
C. V. Coffin.....	2.50
C. Perkins.....	2.25
L. B. King.....	1.88
E. B. Morse.....	24.75
A. G. Ellis.....	2.31
E. G. Ellis.....	7.08
E. Lamper.....	11.06
I. D. Flanders.....	4.00
J. Sawyer.....	1.25
A. G. Small.....	.50
J. E. Berry.....	7.50
R. H. Copp.....	2.00
W. H. Berry.....	5.36
C. Hanson.....	22.99
A. Warner.....	4.00
D. S. Davis.....	4.60
D. H. Ricker.....	.75
D. H. Morrison.....	44.41
J. N. Morrison.....	19.25
S. Morrison.....	11.25
J. W. Howard.....	17.75
C. Adams.....	.37
C. Getchell.....	1.00

J. H. Hayes.....	4.12
C. C. Rines.....	12.81
R. Roberts.....	8.88
J. Woodman.....	10.06
S. E. Furber.....	4.25
S. Cotton.....	4.00
T. D. Varney.....	2.66
I. Sawyer.....	5.00
W. P. Trask.....	9.50
D. Lamper.....	6.32
S. D. Hill.....	2.05
E. O. Prescott.....	4.60
D. S. Lougee.....	9.03
F. W. Getchell.....	3.00
I. M. Rollins.....	7.37
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Total Amount....	\$1235.45

RECAPITULATION.

Paid Expenditures.....	\$2700.54
Miscellaneous.....	543.54
Paupers.....	343.30
Abatements.....	79.09
Schools.....	2045.89
Bounties.....	125.20
Road hearing.....	694.65
Officers.....	581.65
Highway work, summer.....	2957.59
“ winter.....	1235.45
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Total Expenditures.....	\$11306.90
Whole Amount of Taxes and Receipts.....	\$13073.02
Expenditures.....	11306.90
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Cash in Treasury....	\$1766.12

LIABILITIES.

Due Schools.....	\$74.21
“ Dis. No. 5.....	20.96
“ Dis. Dog tax.....	152.00
Outstanding Bills, by estimation.....	100.00
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	\$347.17
Cash Assets.....	\$1418.95
Notes due town.....	207.91
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Total Assets.....	\$1626.86

AMOS L. ROLLINS,	}	Selectmen of Alton.
MORRISON BENNETT,		
JOSEPH A. MOONEY,		

We, the undersigned, have carefully examined the foregoing financial account, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

CHARLES ROLLINS,	}	Auditors.
OLIVER J. M. GILMAN,		

March 1, 1885.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The foregoing report we respectfully submit to the inhabitants of Alton, containing a synopsis of our financial transactions the past official year. It will be noticed that the pauper bills are less than last year. The expense of the repair of summer highways exceeds the tax; and the winter work exceeds \$1000, as estimated at the last annual meeting. Collector Sleeper, as will be seen, has again balanced his account with the Treasurer. The cost of the hearing be-

fore the County Commissioners on the Barnstead and Alton proposed highway, exceeds our expectation ; but it would have cost far more if we had been compelled to build the road without the aid of the outside towns where the petitioners resided. We opposed the laying out, because the public good did not require it ; its great expense of construction ; and from the fact that when completed it would become an everlasting pauper. And why these disinterested and unprejudiced Commissioners laid out the highway, is beyond our comprehension.

Farmington raised the question of her liability of paying \$500 toward building the highway, and it yet remains undecided.

The total valuation of the town of Alton, for the year 1874, was \$564414, and the indebtedness was \$16484.61.

The valuation in 1884 was \$523292, and now, March 1, 1885, have total assets in favor of the town of \$1626.86.

Signed this first day of March, 1885.

AMOS L. ROLLINS,	}	Selectmen of Alton.
MORRISON BENNETT,		
JOSEPH A. MOONEY,		

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE TOWN OF ALTON,

CASH RECEIVED.

1884.						
March	1.	Cash on hand, in the Town Treasury,				\$: 291 69
May	17.	" Rec'd of } Jonas Sleeper, Collector,				50 00
June	21.	"	"	"	"	125 00
Aug.	23.	"	"	"	"	300 00
Sept.	6.	"	"	"	"	100 00
	20.	"	"	"	"	100 00
Nov.	4.	"	"	"	"	600 23
	15.	"	"	"	"	175 00
	22.	"	"	"	"	360 00
	29.	"	"	"	"	450 00
Dec.	6.	"	"	"	"	404 00
	13.	"	"	"	"	250 00
	27.	"	"	"	"	240 08
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Jan.	3.	"	"	"	"	140 26
	7.	"	"	"	"	50 00
	13.	"	"	Amos L. Rollins, Selectman,		56 75
	26.	"	"	Jonas Sleeper, Collector,		40 00
	31.	"	"	"	"	250 00
	31.	"	"	Amos L. Rollins, Selectman,		
				R. R. tax,		404 55
	31.	"	"	Amos L. Rollins, Selectman,		
				Saving's Bank tax,		1354 93
	31.	"	"	Amos L. Rollins, Selectman,		
				Literary Fund,		142 80

Jan.	31.	"	"	Amos L. Rollins, Selectman, Bounties,	123 30
Feb.	13.	"	"	Amos L. Rollins, Selectman,	33 50
	14.	"	"	Jonas Sleeper, Collector,	150 00
	21.	"	"	" " "	175 00
	24.	"	"	Amos L. Rollins, Selectman,	51 00
	25.	"	"	Jonas Sleeper, Collector,	276 37
	28.	"	"	" " "	180 00
	"	"	"	Amos L. Rollins, Selectman,	31 57
	"	"	"	Jonas Sleeper, Collector,	200 50
	"	"	"	" " "	473 04
Mar.	11.	Paid	Charles G. Drew,	per order,	3 00
	11.		Lafayette Woodman,	" "	6 00
	11.		Jona. F. Chesley,	" "	6 00
	11.		David H. Morrison,	" "	6 00
	15.		Edgar A. Coffin, school dist. No. 4,		25 00
	22.		Lewis E. Avery,	per order,	35 00
	26.		Henry F. Muzzey, school dist. No. 5,		75 00
	26.		Henry F. Muzzey, school dist. No. 5,		35 92
	29.		Timothy D. Varney,	per order,	5 25
	29.		Edgar A. Coffin, school dist. No. 4,		95 64
April.	9.		J. E. Fernald and Son, per. order,		40 00
	10.		E. B. Lane,	" "	9 17
	16.		P. H. Wheeler, M. D., per order,		5 25
	23.		David Lamper,	" "	6 65
May	31.		Alfred G. Ellis,	" "	15 00
June	4.		Amos L. Rollins, on Selectman's acct.,		50 00
	22.		Ada E. Mooney, school dist. No. 4		36 00
	23.		Seth O. Wallingford, school dist. No. 20.		30 00
	25.		John P. Hussey,	per order,	4 35

Dec.	25.	Amos L. Rollins on Selectman's acct.,	50 00
	26.	Charles Rollins, per order	2 50
	27.	John C. Clough, school dist. No. 27,	27 00
June	27,	Paid Frank A. Jones, school district No 5,	\$185 00
	28,	Jonathan H. Downing, school district No. 12,	62 74
July	2,	Hiram A. Flanders, school district No. 6,	37 00
	3,	Frank E. Granville, school district No. 11,	44 60
	3,	Ellsworth H. Rollins, school district No. 13,	42 50
	3,	Amos W. Stockbridge, per order,	1 87
	8,	Ivory J. Chamberlain, school district No. 1,	38 00
	9,	Charles G. Drew, school district No. 3,	55 00
	12,	James McKeen, school district No. 18,	36 50
	12,	Aaron J. Varney, school district No. 9,	35 00
	28,	James M. Morrison, per order,	9 71
Aug.	14,	Amos L. Rollins one Selectman's account,	30 00
	30,	David H. Morrison, school district No. 2,	35 35
Sept.	14,	John J. Nutter, per order,	7 30
	15,	P. H. Wheeler, M. D., per order,	72 00
	15,	Place & Chamberlain, per order,	15 00
	16,	Daniel Clough, per order,	3 00
	22,	Cyrus V. Coffin, per order,	50 00
	23,	George W. Berry, per order,	29 04
	29,	Amos L. Rollins, Selectman's account,	60 00
Oct.	14,	Lizzie Roberts, per order,	15 00

Nov.	1,	Oscar E. Davis, school district No.	
		16,	42 31
	5,	Ivory J. Chamberlain, school district No. 1,	46 55
	6,	Frank E. Granville, school district No. 11,	48 33
	7,	Aaron J. Varney, school district No. 9,	45 00
	14,	S. O. Wallingford, school district No. 20,	34 61
	15,	George Goodall, per order,	2 00
	15,	H. I. Nute & Co., per order,	66 91
	20,	James McKeen, school district No. 18,	58 00
	21,	Frank A. Jones, school district No. 5,	225 00
	22,	A. J. Gilman, school district, No. 17,	67 47
	22,	Lafayette Woodman, per order,	16 97
	24,	Alvah B. Flanders, school district No. 15,	40 44
	28,	John C. Clough, school district No. 7,	28 27
	29,	Jona. F. Chesley, per order,	10 00
	29,	Henry J. Dolby, per order,	3 25
	29,	Joseph W. Howard, per order,	2 62
	29,	Benjamin L. Frohock, school district No. 14,	75 21
Dec.	1,	George W. Fernald, per order,	43 75
	1,	Silas Huzzey, per order,	15 00
	2,	Ellsworth H. Rollins, school district No. 13,	21 00
	12,	Jonathan H. Downing, school district No. 12,	109 43
	13,	George W. Morrison, per order,	3 04
	13,	James N. Morrison, per order,	3 04
	22, Paid	Frank H. Furber, per order,	1 67
	26,	Albert R. Page, school district No. 8,	2 99

Oct. 31,	David H. Morrison, school district	
	No. 2,	78 67
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Jan. 8,	P. H. Wheeler, M. D., per order,	37 25
8,	William F. Knight, County tax,	1,377 90
9,	Place & Chamberlain, per order,	30 29
9,	Joseph E. Berry, school district	
	No. 1,	48 15
9,	Joseph E. Berry, per order,	3 22
13,	Asa N. Nutter, “	4 50
16,	Charles H. Foss, school district	
	No. 19,	35 64
17,	David H. Morrison, school district	
	No. 2,	90 00
29,	State Treasurer, State tax,	1,212 00
31,	Charles G. Drew, school district	
	No. 3,	101 00
Feb. 4,	Ada E. Mooney, school district	
	No. 4,	59 92
4,	Tobias Berry, per order,	1 50
13,	Samuel E. Furber, order,	4 00
13,	Hiram A. Flanders, school district	
	No. 6,	78 29
14,	C. H. Downing & Co., per order,	31 00
14,	Thomas Cogswell, “	214 00
14,	Jeremiah Jones, “	1 87
14,	Alonzo H. Sawyer, “	1 87
18,	Charles Rollins, “	5 87
Feb. 19,	Joshua P. Chamberlain, “	3 12
20,	J. Jones & Son, “	31 69
21,	Charles W. Nutter, “	1 87
21,	David H. Morrison, “	4 60
21,	Dudley P. Evans, “	33 00
21,	Samuel Morrison, “	3 10
21,	C. C. Mooney, “	5 87
21,	Frank A. Jones, “	220 00
21,	John W. Currier, “	162 50
25,	Cyrus V. Coffin, “	24 00

Feb. 25,	James Morse,	"	12 00
27,	Simeon Durgin,	"	3 22
27,	Morrison Bennett, Selectman's acct.,		79 00
27,	John C. Clough, per order,		2 86
27,	Jeremiah Woodman,	"	3 10
27,	Charles T. Thing,	"	3 10
27,	Alonzo B. Lang,	"	3 22
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27,	Edwin O. Prescott,	"	1 61
28,	Samuel D. Hill,	"	1 61
28,	Horace S. Wells,	"	1 61
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28,	Nathaniel Stevens, per order,		1 85
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28,	Charles Rollins, Auditor, per order,		5 00
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ALONZO H. SAWYER, *Treasurer.*

We, the undersigned, having examined the foregoing account, find it properly vouched and correctly cast, and a balance of \$1766.12 in the hands of the Treasurer.

CHARLES ROLLINS,)
 OLIVER J. M. GILMAN, } Auditors.

SCHOOL REPORT.

The whole amount of money raised by town tax for the support of schools was \$1,690 00. Amount of literary fund, \$136 - 53. Amount of railroad tax appropriated for support of schools \$121 39. Entire amount of school revenue, \$1,947 92. There have been thirty-six schools during the year, taught by twenty-five different teachers, three males and twenty-two females. Whole number of different scholars studying Arithmetic, 209, Grammar, 87, Geography, 117, History, 13, Algebra, 12, Book-keeping, 18, Physiology, 13.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Prudential Committee, Ivory J. Chamberlin. Summer term of six weeks taught by Miss Alida Quimby of New Durham. Whole number of scholars, 5. Average attendance, 4. Although this school was small and not very far advanced, yet Miss Quimby succeeded in getting her pupils interested in their lessons, and good progress was made. Fall term of eight weeks was also taught by the same teacher. The winter term of seven weeks was taught by Miss Emma J. Rogers of Barnstead. Classes in Reading, Arithmetic and Geography made good improvement.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Prudential Committee, David H. Morrison. Summer term of seven weeks taught by Miss Sophie George of Barnstead. Whole number of scholars, 7. Average attendance, 7. Winter term of fourteen weeks was also taught by the same teacher. Miss George has taught this school for the past two years, and the district will be fortunate if they can secure her services for the next two years. All classes made excellent improvement.

DISTRICT No 3.

Prudential Committee, Charles Drew. Summer term of nine weeks taught by Miss Clara M. Cheley. Whole number of

scholars, 20. Average attendance, 19. Miss Chesley is a teacher well known for excellent discipline, and her scholars were orderly and manifested much thoroughness in what they had been over during the term. Winter term of twelve weeks was taught by Wilbert S. Davis of Farmington. Whole number of scholars, 25. Average attendance, 24. Mr. Davis was well versed in all the various branches taught, and his scholars made rapid progress in their studies.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Prudential Committee, Ada E. Mooney. Both terms were taught by the Committee. The first was six weeks in length and the second nine weeks. Whole number of scholars, 6. Average attendance, 5. Miss Mooney has had much experience in teaching. The scholars all seemed interested in their studies, and made good improvement.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Prudential Committee, Frank A. Jones. Summer term of nine weeks taught by Forest L. Keays of Rochester. Whole number of scholars, 22. Average attendance, 21. Fall term of ten weeks taught by J. S. Richardson of Rochester. Whole number of scholars, 24. Average attendance, 22. The winter term of eleven weeks was also taught by the same teacher. Mr. Richardson has fully sustained the highest reputation of the school of a year ago, by the thoroughness of his instruction and the excellence of his discipline.

The Primary department was under the instruction of Miss Cora E. Gilman. Whole number of scholars, 28. Average attendance, 26. The summer term was nine weeks. The fall and winter terms were also taught by the same teacher, the length of each term being the same as the summer. The year's work in this school has been a profitable one. The scholars, young as they are, seem to understand that it is for their interest and benefit to study hard and have correct discipline in the school, and the result is, that their lessons are well prepared, and are recited clearly and accurately. Miss Gilman took much interest in the advancement of the school, and the closing examination of each term was very satisfactory.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Prudential Committee, Hiram Flanders. Summer term of six weeks taught by Miss Anna M. Swasey of Lisbon. Whole number of scholars, 13. Average attendance, 12. The term was short, but the pupils all seemed interested in their lessons, and the improvement made was very good. Winter term of fourteen weeks taught by Frank N. Merrill of Gilmanton. Whole number of scholars, 14. Average attendance, 13. Mr. Merrill has taught this school several times before, and always with success.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Prudential Committee, J. C. Clough. Summer term of six weeks taught by Miss Luella Crockett. Whole number of scholars, 7. Average attendance, 6. Miss Crockett has taught this school for the past two years and is an accomplished and most faithful teacher. The winter term was seven weeks in length. The scholars, both terms, made excellent progress in their studies.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Prudential Committee, A. J. Varney. Summer term of seven weeks taught by Miss Sadie Brewster of Wolfboro. Whole number of scholars, 9. Average attendance, 9. This school is well advanced. The scholars all seemed to be interested, punctual and persevering. Winter term of nine weeks also taught by Miss Brewster with good success. The record of attendance does not show a single instance of tardiness during the term, and the names of seven of the nine members of the school are entered in the roll of honor.

DISTRICT No. 11.

Prudential Committee, Frank E. Granville. Summer term of eight weeks taught by Miss Annie O. Cooper of Dover. Whole number of scholars, 8. Average attendance, 7. Miss Cooper is a good teacher, of clear mind, and sound reason. The winter term was also taught by the same teacher. Whole number of scholars, 11. Average attendance, 10. The progress made, both terms, was very commendable.

DISTRICT No. 12.

Prudential Committee, J. H. Downing. Summer term of eight weeks taught by Miss Blanche I. Cate of Effingham. Whole number of scholars, 26. Average attendance, 24. Miss Cate is well qualified as a teacher, has taught schools in this town for the past three years, and always with the best of success. Winter term of thirteen weeks taught by the same teacher. All classes passed examination with credit.

DISTRICT No. 13.

Prudential Committee, Ellsworth H. Rollins. Summer term of eight weeks taught by Miss Eliza H. Rust of Wolfboro. Whole number of scholars, 15. Average attendance, 14. Miss Rust is a lady of excellent scholarship and fine teaching ability. The instruction in this school has been thorough, no principle being passed over until fully explained and understood. Fall term was commenced by Miss Etta Rust of Wolfboro and continued a short time. when, in consequence of sickness, she was obliged to dismiss her school.

DISTRICT No. 14.

Prudential Committee, Benjamin L. Frohock. No summer school. Fall term of eleven weeks taught by Miss Clara M. Chesley. Whole number of scholars, 15. Average attendance, 14. In point of order and decorum, this was a model school. The scholars are rather backward, but all tried hard to learn, and good improvement was made. Miss Chesley is one of our best teachers, and the district was exceedingly fortunate in securing her services.

DISTRICT No. 15.

Prudential Committee, Alvah B. Flanders. Fall term of eight weeks taught by Miss Sadie S. Carr of Gilford. Whole number of scholars, 10. Average attendance, 8. Miss Carr appeared to work hard for the good of her pupils, and some of her scholars made good improvement, while others failed to have that interest necessary to success in study. The great trouble with this school is irregular attendance. The absence once or twice a week from school, is almost as ruinous to a scholar as keeping him from school altogether.

DISTRICT No. 16.

Prudential Committee. Oscar E. Davis. Fall term of nine weeks taught by Miss Myrtie E. Glidden. Whole number of scholars, 3. Average attendance, 3. It would seem that a school like this, being so small, would be uninteresting to a teacher, but I found at the close of the term that both teacher and scholars were interested, and the term had been one of profit. It seems to me that this district should unite with No. 14, or else the school, in one, should be kept in the summer, and the other in the fall, so that the scholars could have the benefit of attending both schools. As it is now, each district has one term in the fall and the scholars during the long vacation forget much of what they learned, and the next term must take a large portion of the time for review.

DISTRICT No. 17.

Prudential Committee, Andrew J. Gilman. Fall term of eleven weeks taught by Miss Annie B. Townsend of Dover. Whole number of scholars, 11. Average attendance, 9. When I visited this school at the commencement, I could discover no reason why it would not have a successful term, but before the close, a portion of the scholars became dissatisfied with the teacher and left school. Whether they had sufficient cause in so doing, I am unable to say, for no complaint was made while they were at school, thus giving no chance for an examination of both teacher and scholars together, as there should have been, to have had a correct view of the state of affairs as then existed. Miss Townsend might have been at fault in many things, as this was her first experience in teaching a country school. It takes the best part of the first half of a term for a new teacher to become thoroughly acquainted with the wants and needs of a school, and I have no doubt but what the last half of the term was better than the first. Those scholars that remained until the close of the school passed a fair examination.

DISTRICT No. 18.

Prudential Committee, James McKeen. Summer term of

seven weeks taught by Miss Bell Brewster of Wolfboro. Whole number of scholars, 11. Average attendance, 10. The general improvement of the school was fair, yet there was not that interest taken by some of the scholars that I would liked to have seen. Fall term of eleven weeks taught by Miss Clara B. Roberts. Whole number of scholars, 12. Average attendance, 11. This was Miss Roberts's first attempt at teaching, and she made a good beginning.

DISTRICT No. 19.

Prudential Committee, Charles Foss. Winter term of seven weeks taught by Miss Frances A. Whitehouse. Whole number of scholars, 12. Average attendance, 11. Miss Whitehouse taught a good school. The scholars were quiet and orderly, and commendable progress was made.

DISTRICT No. 20.

Prudential Committee, Otis Wallingford. Summer term of six weeks taught by Miss Carrie A. Lang. Whole number of scholars, 9. Average attendance, 8. The scholars, under the instruction of Miss Lang, made substantial headway in their studies, and were thorough in what they had been over. Fall term of eleven weeks taught by Miss Electa A. Furber. Whole number of scholars, 11. Average attendance, 10. This was Miss Furber's first experience in teaching and she proved to be a good instructress. The scholars were all interested in their studies and made good improvement.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The progress made in the schools during the year has been generally satisfactory. With two or three exceptions, we have had the very best of teachers, who have secured the confidence and support of both parents and scholars. In many schools the same teachers have been employed each term, for the past two years, and the good results of this system are now clearly evident. There has been a marked improvement as regards the attendance at many of the schools, cases of absences and

tardiness being much less frequent than formerly, yet there is room for improvement. There is nothing so hurtful to the progress of a school as absence from recitations. The necessity of constant attendance is too great to be overlooked. A child should never be kept from school, except in case of sickness or some other valid cause. The loss of one day can hardly be supplied to a scholar who is desirous of improving his opportunities to the best advantage. Under the instructions of a good teacher even one lesson can not be lost without serious injury to the pupil. Tardiness is a difficulty that ought to be remedied, for it has a tendency to form habits in children which invariably follow them in after life. It is the parents' duty to send their children to school in season. The common good demands that regularity and punctuality in attendance should be observed, and I hope that every parent will consider this subject and act with wisdom and prudence in regard to it. While I am glad to note the general interest which parents have manifested in most of our schools, by way of visits, I am sorry to say that in several districts not a single visit has been made. I would urge upon parents in those districts the necessity of visiting the schools in which their children are instructed, at least once every term. By this means alone can they obtain a fair and proper understanding of their real condition, while it would be an encouragement to the teachers and an inspiration to the scholars. The discipline in the schools for the most part has been good, your teachers having labored earnestly and faithfully in this direction. There has been one or two cases, however, where teachers have failed to have that order and good government which is so essential to the prosperity of a school. I will not specify cases, for these teachers have tried hard to teach their scholars, thus compensating in a measure for their laxity of discipline. Of the various branches that have been taught the past year, book-keeping has received more than the usual amount of attention. Writing has been practiced to a large extent in every school, and map-drawing has been successfully taught in several. Allow me once more to call your attention, without any discussion regarding the same, of the serious want of globes in every schoolroom. I am glad to state that many of the schoolrooms have been ornamented the past year to an unusual extent with flowers, evergreen wreaths, leaves and pictures. I hope this practice will be continued, for the rooms are not only made to look more attractive, but it has e

tendency to elevate and refine. The registers show a list of ninety-six different names of scholars who have not been absent or tardy a half day of a term. Two hundred and sixty-four visits have been made by parents and citizens, which is a much larger number than last year, and is a pleasant token of increased interest in many of the districts.

Respectfully submitted.

OLIVER J. M. GILMAN,

Superintendent of Schools.

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